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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 31 January 1969

25X1 \*DD/I reported that Colonel Abe Lincoln will be briefed this morning [redacted]. He also noted that F. Benjamin Lincoln, Jr., the President's former law partner and a recently designated PFIAB member, is scheduled to be briefed on 3 or 4 February. The Director asked that the DD/I and Tom Parrott conduct the briefing.

\*Godfrey called attention to today's Washington Post article on the 22 January attempted Kremlin assassination.

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Godfrey reported that there was no classified material on the Pueblo hearings due to the restricted sessions.

D/ONE reported that yesterday's USIB session on the Korea and Panama Estimates went well and was completed in record time.

DD/S briefed on arrangements and details for Mr. Dulles' funeral. The Director stated that no guidelines with respect to attendance at the church services will be issued and that any inquiries from employees should be reacted to by simply noting that attendance is left to each individual. Executive Director reported that Mrs. Dulles does not wish to designate any charities in lieu of flowers. It was noted that the Baltimore graveside services will be for family only. The Director asked that a member of the OLC staff be present at the church service in order to identify congressmen. The Director complimented the DD/S on the excellent handling of all necessary arrangements.

Carver noted that the Director will be receiving considerable cable traffic from Saigon in response to the twenty-eight questions on the Vietnam memorandum.

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Maury observed that he and [ ] will be briefing Senator Stennis and staff member Braswell this morning.

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In response to the Director's question, Maury reported that the briefing of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy is scheduled for late next week.

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DDCI briefed on yesterday's visits with Senators Russell, Thurmond, and Hollings. While all three were interested in the Pueblo incident, the DDCI reported that he had an opportunity to share with Senator Russell all of the data contained in his memorandum to the Director. Senator Russell will attempt to hold back any Congressional initiatives for an investigation until the Navy has finished its review of the Pueblo affair. In response to Senator Thurmond's question, the DDCI provided a "Thank-God-we-have-him" assessment of the Director.

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The Director asked whether a folio is being prepared for Mrs. Allen Dulles. DD/S reported that this action has been initiated and that an appropriate folio is also being prepared for Eleanor Lansing Dulles.



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## Space Shot Failure In Soviet Reported By U.S. Observers

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 (AP)—Informed sources said today that an unmanned, unannounced Russian space launching had failed so spectacularly that the circumstances had become known to the United States despite Soviet secrecy.

To prevent the Russians from knowing just how much the West had learned about the ill-fated space shot, the details have been withheld, it was said. Government space and military officials decline to comment.

However, the second stage of the launching vehicle is said to have failed, and the spacecraft burned up on re-entry into the earth's atmosphere.

The most recent launching announced by the Russians was Cosmos 264. It was sent into earth orbit Jan. 23 as one of the long series of recoverable observation satellites.

There has been more than one unannounced Soviet launching since then, an informed person said. The one that failed was not a part of the Cosmos series nor was it a large craft, he added. "It was nothing like our Saturn 5 launch vehicle," he said.

Nor is there anything yet to substantiate the suspicion in some quarters that the Russians may have been planning to flight-test an unmanned space nuclear propulsion system, he said.

# Disguised Army Officer Is Described As Attempted Assassin in Kremlin

By Anatole Shub  
Washington Post Foreign Service

MOSCOW, Jan. 30—A Soviet army lieutenant from Leningrad, dressed in a borrowed police uniform, was responsible for the attempted assassination inside the Kremlin gate last week, according to usually reliable sources.

The assailant, identified as Lt. Ilyin of the Soviet Army Engineers, was reported to have died almost immediately after firing six shots at the second car of a motorcade carrying cosmonauts and high Soviet leaders into the Kremlin Jan. 22.

He is said to have taken poison as well as having been slugged by Kremlin guards who foiled the assassination attempt.

Sources said Ilyin left his post in the Leningrad area on Monday, Jan. 20, without reporting back to his unit to re-

turn his pistol. A national alarm and search for him started the next morning. He arrived in Moscow some time Tuesday and stayed with an unidentified relative, a militia (police) captain.

On Wednesday, the day of the cosmonauts' parade, he asked to borrow the militia uniform in order, he said, to be able to watch the astronauts' welcome more closely. Once inside the Kremlin's Borovitsky Gate his militia uniform enabled him to shoo several onlookers out of his way and clear the range for his attempted assassination.

According to this account, official investigations still under way have yet to reveal whether Ilyin left any note disclosing his possible motive, or whether he acted alone or as part of some organized conspiracy.

While official confirmation

of this account is not expected in the near future, it tallied remarkably with numerous other reports, rumors and unusual circumstances since the Kremlin incident was disclosed last Thursday.

Different semi-official Soviet informants had previously said that the assailant was an Army deserter, and that the shooting explained why high Kremlin leaders failed to attend last weekend's Leningrad celebration of the 25th anniversary of the lifting of the Nazi blockade of that city.

Furthermore, an Asian Communist who heard the shots and witnessed the seizure of the assailant from afar has said that the man seized was wearing a blue-coated police uniform.

There were even rumors, spread by well-placed Soviet

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informants, that the shooting may have been part of a broader plot organized in Leningrad against the top Kremlin leadership.

Today's account also appeared to square with the strange official treatment of the case. The assailant's almost instant death would explain why the Soviet Foreign Ministry first called him a "schizophrenic," the news agency Tass then labeled his act a "provocation," but the regime afterward refrained from any characterization of the case.

It would also explain stories spread over the last few days by semi-official sources that the gunman had been committed to a mental hospital and that he would in no circumstances be placed on trial.

However, it remains to be seen whether security officials will uncover a real conspiracy, and what political consequences may follow from such a discovery.

In another development, the mystery surrounding the prolonged absence of Premier Kosygin appeared to have been cleared up.

An official spokesman said that Kosygin, last seen publicly in Moscow on Dec. 20, would be back at his desk by the end of next week. It was explained that Kosygin, after holidaying at Kislovodsk near the Caucasus, had returned to Moscow but almost immediately come down with a severe cold, and is now resting at his dacha some 18 miles outside Moscow. A flu epidemic has been raging in the capital all month.